



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue

March 09, 2026

6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order; Commissioner Maloney gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson

Commissioner Judy Akkala

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

Commissioner Whitney Maloney

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

Michael O'Connor 526 Minnesota Avenue

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Maloney, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to add public comment opportunity to the end of the meeting and change public comment at the beginning to agenda items only.

Commissioner Maloney	Yes
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Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela	No
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Commissioner O'Driscoll	Yes
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Commissioner Akkala	No
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Mayor Joe Thompson	No
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MOTION FAILED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to authorize city staff to submit request for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). in the amount of Seven (7) Million Dollars for infrastructure for the North Shore Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to accept the Introduction of proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and set a public hearing for 6:00 PM, Monday, March 23, 2026 to gather public input.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to set a public hearing for 6:00 PM Monday, March 23, 2026 to gather public input on Public Act 33 Police and Fire Special Assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the Accounts Receivable Collection and Write Off Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02
A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT
TO VACATE REMAINING WESTERN ½ OF BIRCH STREET

City of Gladstone
County of Delta, State of Michigan

At a Meeting of the Gladstone City Commission, held on the 9th day of March, 2026,

Motion by Commissioner O'Driscoll; seconded by Commissioner Maloney:

WHEREAS, Chapter XII, Sec. 2 of the Gladstone City Charter provides:

When the commission shall deem it advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish any street, alley or public ground, or any part thereof, they shall by resolution so declare and in the same resolution shall appoint a time, not less than four weeks thereafter, when they shall meet and hear objections thereto. Notice of such meeting, with a copy of said resolution, shall be published once not less than two weeks before the time appointed for such meeting, in a newspaper published and circulated in the city.

WHEREAS, Birch Street is an undeveloped public right-of-way dedicated in the plat of Bay Park Addition, recorded in Liber B of Plats, Page 103, of the Delta County Records.

WHEREAS, despite being dedicated for public use, Birch Street has never been improved, constructed, opened, or maintained for public travel. It exists only as an unimproved "paper street."

WHEREAS, the eastern one-half of Birch Street was previously vacated in conjunction with the development of the Bay View Manor (now Waterview Apartments) site.

WHEREAS, the Gladstone Housing Commission has formally requested that the City vacate the remaining western ½ of Birch Street to facilitate the redevelopment and replacement of the Fairview Manor public housing facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that City Commission deems it advisable and necessary for the health, welfare, comfort, and safety of the people of the City to vacate the remaining western ½ of Birch Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as required by Chapter XII, Sec. 2 of the Gladstone City Charter, a public hearing shall be held for the purpose of hearing any objections to vacating the remaining western ½ of Birch Street on April 13, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall publish notice of said public hearing along with a copy of this resolution once not less than two weeks before the hearing in a newspaper published and circulated in the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that legal counsel for the City shall proceed with securing vacation of the remaining western ½ of Birch Street following the public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall record this resolution with the Delta County Register of Deeds within 30 days, and provide a copy to the Director of the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth as required by the Land Division Act. MCL 560.257(2).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Commissioners Steve O'Driscoll, Judy Akkala, Whitney Maloney, Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela and Mayor Joe Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Kimberly Berry, City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DELTA)

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the Amended Agreement for Election Services Between Delta County and the City of Gladstone and authorize Kimberly Berry to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Maloney, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to increase hourly wages for City of Gladstone election Inspectors to \$16.00 per hour and Chairpersons to \$18.00 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to proceed with proposal 1, adding clause to the end of paragraph seven explicitly allowing the borrower to renew, extend, and increase the existing debt limits of mortgages held specifically by FFB, CFC, and CoBank, recorded in Delta, Menominee, Schoolcraft, Alger, Marquette, and Dickinson Counties. This increased debt limit would constitute a superior lien to the City's security interest for Alger Delta's Facade Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City Manager Robert Spreitzer reported on the following:

Since the last meeting Mayor Joe and I started negotiation talks with the Teamsters. I also attended the most recent planning Commission meeting where they reviewed the Parks and Rec portion of the plan. I also attended the Parks Rec board meeting. And as mentioned earlier Patricia and I met with Coleman Engineering and a member of Senator Peters staff to discuss CDS for the North Shore Project.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry